Increase in Terrorist Activities in Jammu & Kashmir

982. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to State :

(a) whether incidents of kidnapping/ killings by terrorists have increased in the recent past in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor indicating the number thereof during the period January—April, 1992 and so far (month-wise) :

(c) whether some terrorists have recently been released in exchange of some of the kidnapped persons in the State during the above mentioned period, if so, the details thereof indicating the conditions laid down for their release; and

(d) the number of persons of Indian origin still in the custody of terrorists till date and the steps taken so far by Government for their release; and

(e) the amount of compensation paid so far during 1992-93 to the families of the victims and employment given to the members therof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB) : (a) to (e) The Government of Jammu & Kashmir have furnished the following information :

The terrorist outfits have increasingly resorted to abductions particularly of soft targets in the recent past. These abductions have generally been carried out by them to intimidate specific groups like intelligence personnel para-military forces including police personnel, political activities and leaders, suspected informers, section of the population attempting to defy the dictaters of the militants; and also for extortion/ ransom money. It is also done to create panic amongst public at large or at the behest of their mentors across the border.

90 persons were abducted by the terrorist outfits since 1st January, 1992; 17 in January, 16 in February, 37 in March, and 20 in April (upto 16th April). 7 suspected terrorists were released on bail/parole since 1st January, 1992 in exchange of hostages. On 30th April, 1992, 26 persons were reported to be still in the captivity of terrorist outfits. Effort continue to seek the release of the abducted persons.

Innocent civilians continue to be killed in terrorist action. In 1992, 163 persons lost their lives in the terrorist violence. 77 in January and February, 63 in March, and 23 in April (upto 15th April). By March, 1992 instructions for payment of the ex-gratia assistance to the next of kin of 850 persons killed in terrorist action have been issued.

Increase in Activities by Punjab Terrorists

983. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the incidents of killings/ kidnapping by Punjab terrorists have increased during January—April, 1992 period in Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan and Delhi recently;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the details thereof (State-wise and in U.T. of Delhi) during the above period;

(c) the amount of ex-gratia payment made so far (State-wise and in U.T. of Delhi) to the families of victims of terrorism during the above period; and

(d) whether the newly elected Government of Punjab have chalked out any Package Plan in consultation with the Central Government to solve the Punjab problem so far and if not, the reasons there for ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB) : (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(d) Efforts are being made to find an acceptable solution to the outstanding problems in consultation with the ronserned parties.

राजभाषा अधिनियम का कार्यान्वयन न किया जाना

984. **श्री ईश दत्त यादव** : क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि केन्द्रीय सरकार के कार्यालयों में अधिकांश कार्य अंग्रेजी में किया जा रहा है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उन विभागों और उपक्रमों के नाम क्या-क्या हैं जिन्होंने राजभाषा अधिनियम का अनुपालन नहीं किया है और इस संबंध में अब तक कोई कार्यवाही नहीं की गई है ।

संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम० एम० जैकब) : (क) केन्द्रीय सरकार के कार्यालयों से नियमानुसार यह अपेक्षित है कि वे हिन्दी में प्राप्त सभी पत्रों के उत्तर हिन्दी में दें तथा हिन्दी भाषी राज्यों में स्थित केन्द्रीय सरकार, राज्य सरकारों के कार्यालयों तथा व्यक्तियों से पत्राचार हिन्दी में करें । साथ ही राजभाषा अधिनियम की धारा 3(3) के अन्तर्गत सभी सामान्य आदेश संकल्प अधिसूचनाएं रिपोर्ट आदि हिन्दी एवं अंग्रेजी दोनों में जारी करना अनिवार्य है । इन प्रावधानों का अनुपालन अधिकांशत: केन्द्रीय सरकार के कार्यालयों द्वारा किया जा रहा है । अन्य पत्राचार में राजभाषा विभाग द्वारा देश के विभिन्न क्षेत्रों में भेजे जाने वाले पत्रों की प्रतिशतता निर्धारित की गई है । यह पाया गया है कि केन्द्रीय सरकार के अधिकांश कार्यालय इस प्रतिशतता को प्राप्त करने का प्रयास कर रहे हैं किन्तु निर्धारित प्रतिशतता अभी तक प्राप्त नहीं कर सके हैं, यद्यपि इस दिशा में पिछले वर्षों में उत्तरोत्तर प्रगति हुई है ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Evidence Against Police in Punjab

985. SHRI S. MADHAVAN : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item published in the daily "The Pioneer" dated 26th March, 1992, Delhi edition under the caption "Evidence surfaces against police, watery grave for Punjab militants";

(b) if so, whether Government have enquired into the matter and if so, the findings thereof; and

(c) what action Government have taken in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A case has already been registered which is under investigation.

(c) Question does not arise.

Autonomous Hill Council for Ladakh

986. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the reply to Started question 120 given in Rajya Sabha on the 4th November, 1991 and state :

(a) whether Government have decided to establish an autonomous hill Council for Ladakh region;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when it would be set up, what powers it would enjoy and in what manner?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB) : (a) to (c) In April 1992, the Home Minister met the representatives of both the districts